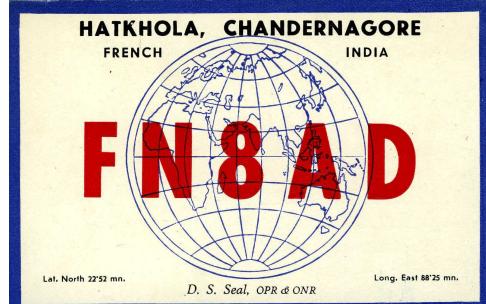
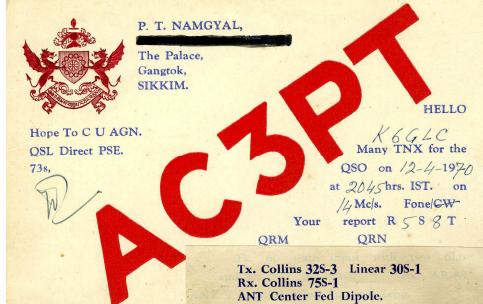
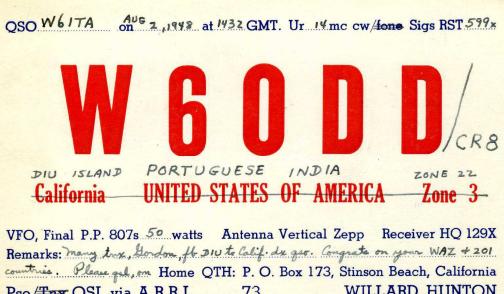


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September 2019



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

SOTA: Summits on the Air

By: Christian Claborne, N1CLC

MEETING NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

**JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road,
San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988
SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.
MEETING, 6:30 P.M.**

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From the Prez . . .

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Watch for "From the Prez" in the October SDDXC Bulletin.

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Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, KQ6RS

Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2019

At 6:30 P.M. Ron Rosson, N6XT, called the meeting to order. 48 members and three guests were in attendance. Our guests were Jerry Schneider, KN6CGB (his 3rd visit), Thomas Bryan, W5COM (his 4th visit) and Randy Houk, KI6DGU (his 1st visit).



The July Treasurer report and meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements: It was mentioned that there are special upcoming events at the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum in Campo – see their website (<https://www.psrm.org/>) for further information.

Old business – None.

New business – Jerod Schneider, W6FX was approved for membership.

At 6:37 P.M. we started the round table discussion.

At 7:10 P.M. the presentation “SDR radios for DX and contesting” was given by Eric, NC6K and was warmly received.

At 8:25 P.M. The meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

Income for July:	\$60.00 for membership
Expenses for July:	\$1,090.63 for Summer Bash
Statement Balance on 9/5/2019	\$6,544.61

Randy, KQ6RS

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



We lost Harry Hodges, W6YOO earlier this year. Harry had been a very active DX'er and a member of the Club for a very long time. Much has been written about his service to his country and to the ham community. He served many years as our Secretary/treasurer and was inducted into the SDDXC Hall of Fame.

He holds Top Honor Roll, the 2000 level endorsement in the DXCC Challenge and the IOTA Plaque of Excellence for 800+ IOTA's confirmed.

This month, in lieu of our regular Top 10, I am documenting for the permanent record Harry's final DX totals as of his last report in November of 2015. Keep in mind he never considered a country worked until he had the QSL in hand. That is why all the worked (WKD) and confirmed (CFM) totals are the

MODE	C-D	CFM	WKD	ZONES
MIXED	339	349	349	40
PHONE	338	348	348	40
CW	333	340	340	40
SAT	3	3	3	3
RTTY	255	260	260	38
160	40	41	41	9
80	159	162	162	31
40	251	255	255	37
30	236	238	238	33
20	337	345	345	40
17	281	286	286	37
15	314	319	319	40
12	230	233	233	36
10	291	297	297	40
6	4	4	0	2
2	1	1	1	1
BAND COUNTRIES	2144	2181	2177	306

John, K6AM

**SDDXC results
2018 CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY
By John, K6AM**



CLASS	CALL	SCORE	CW QSO's	SSB QSO's	TOT QSO's	MLTS	FINISH
M/S	NO6T Ops N5ZO N6AN	353,220	903	1428	2331	58	1st place CA M/S 1st place SD County
M/S EXPD Imperial	K6QK Ops = N7CW, K6ZH, N6EEG, N6ERD, N7TY	269,724	794	1048	1842	57	1st place CA M/S Expedition 2nd place CA M/S
SO LP	KI6RRN	263,900	490	1190	1680	58	1st place CA SOLP Wine winner
M/S	NX6T (OPS, WQ6X, N6KI, KB7V, WM6Y, W6ZAR, W2PWS, N6NC	190,414	583	767	1,350	58	7th place CA M/S 2nd place SD County M/S
SOA HP	NC6K	177,074	813	307	1,120	58	1st place SD County 5th place CA Wine winner
SO LP	WN6K	142,738	655	248	903	58	2nd place SD County SOLP 5th place CA
SO HP	K6NA	119,952	714	0	714	56	1st place SD County
SOA LP	KK6NON	96,786	0	849	849	57	1st place SD County 6th place CA
SO HP	AI6O	23,980	181	1	182	44	2nd place SD County
SO HP	W6YI	16,652	0	181	181	46	
SOA HP	W6JBR	1,380	9	21	30	20	

2018 produced another great turnout for the CQP. This year SDDXC club stations won three more first place plaques. The K6QK memorial team continued their streak this year and took another win from the castle just across the border in Imperial County along with Marko, N5ZO, and partner Dave, N6AN winning again for M/S. N6MJ, last year's winner at W6YI went on to take first place overall again from his home QTH in Fullerton. And our WRTC champ-in-training Axel, KI6RRN finished first in low power yet again. Incidentally, Axel currently has the highest qualifying score ***in the world*** for WRTC. Fine Job!

The CQP marks the beginning of the fall contest season. The 2019 running is slated for 1600 UTC Oct 5 to 2200 UTC Oct 6. Go to cq.org for details on the new rules, county abbreviations and all the other details. Last year's top scorers from our club are already putting the finishing touches on their plans for this year's run.

And congratulations to our intrepid contestor Paul Dorey WN6K for his being the winner for Zone 3 low power in the 2019 CQ WPX SSB contest. Way to go Paul.

Wayne, NN6R

John, K6AM

From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



Historic QSLs

In researching old QSL cards for next month's *From the Editor* narrative, I leaned on a notorious QSL collector, Jim McCook, W6YA for some help. Jim's response was so interesting that I thought I'd share it with the entire membership (TNX, Jim!) Here is Jim's story:

Old QSL cards are always fun to talk about. I know you share this interest. Hopefully there is still a spark of interest among a few DXers. I know it's fading, though. I'll just throw out some things and you can pick out whatever you're looking for. There are further details in my two PDF files shown at the top of the hamgallery.com/qsl/deleted web page.

I have never traded or bought any old cards. My sources have all been old friends who became SK and left their cards to me. I am honored to have them because they are like fine old books that tell fascinating stories, especially when connected together by operators' names and dates. They represent the geopolitical changes in the world over time. They represent people moving around to different countries. They represent DXing by my old buddies, which make their cards even more meaningful.

I have always focused on old post WWII cards, as well as the ones from special prefixes that were seen in countries occupied by Allies following WWII. For instance, I was surprised to see a VU7BR card that was from Bahrain, I6USA and MI3FG from Eritrea, and so on.

I have QSLs from all the deleted ones, including W6ODD/CR8, which is considered to be the rarest of all DX QSLs. The most exciting moment in sorting was when I was given the W6ITA/W6RR cards before Gordon passed away. After going through over half the cards I suddenly came across the holy grail: W6ODD/CR8. When I sent a scan of it to HamGallery.com, K8CX said it was the third one known to exist.

The deleted ones were of special interest to me because I had missed 21 of the 62, mostly due to being QRT for school through most of the '60s and by being born too late. I have cards from special SK friends W6CUQ/K6ZO, W6ITA/W6RR, W6BZE, W6PBI, W6AVM/K6TX, W6UCX/WK6E, K6ENX/W6PT, W6IBD/W6EE. These fine DXers were active when propagation was far better than it is now.

Most of the rare DX stations in the early post WWII years were using low power and simple wire antennas. 25 or 50 watt transmitters with dipoles were common. Many were using less than 10 watts.

W6BZE, W6PBI and W6PT were all members of SDDXC. W6BZE was a charter member and W6PBI was a charter member when the club formed in 1949, and the last of the charter members to be SK. When he was XU1YO in 1946 he worked W6GRL. Later, when W6GRL was in China setting up communication for Chiang Kai-shek, he was XU6GRL. He worked W6PBI back in the USA to complete a double 2-way China USA QSO. Otto, W6PT, was XU8MI in China before WWII.

I have stopped getting QSL confirmations now because the ones being sent out are more like travel postcards than real QSLs.

Let me know if there are other details you want. If anyone is interested in these old cards they are welcome to visit and see these pieces of world ham history.

Bob, K9RHY

September Program

By Pat, WA6MHZ

SOTA: Summits on the Air

This month's guest speaker will be Christian Claborne, N1CLC, who will present on SOTA, which stands for "Summits On the Air".

Chris is a fairly new ham who dove head-first into SOTA as a way to combine his love of the outdoors with ham radio. Using both QRP and QRO rigs, Chris has "activated" over 94 summits in California and Arizona using FM, DMR, SSB, and a little CW. While doing SOTA, Chris has logged over a thousand QSOs from summits including DX contacts with Portugal, Brazil, New Zealand stations, and his first summit-to-summit DX to Japan. Chris enjoys sharing what he's learned on his blog, hamninja.com, which covers SOTA, DMR, and other ham geek topics.

Come check out Christian's dynamic and entertaining presentation where he will explain what SOTA is, why you should be an "Activator" or a "Chaser", and how to do SOTA. The presentation will include a discussion about some of the tools that both Activators and Chasers use and show some views from his "shack" on the mountain. Chris will explain why SOTA isn't just for mountaineers, and what's in it for people who "chase" SOTA operators from another mountaintop or their home shack. Come see what this growing sector of ham radio is all about and how to get started.



Pat, WA6MHZ